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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNGA, PLO, ASEC

SUBJECT: PALESTINE DEBATE: SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

1. THE DEBATE ON THE PALESTINE QUESTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 13. THE SECURITY PROBLEM IS ENLARGED THIS YEAR BY THE PARTICIPATION, AT THE INVITATION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. BOTH ARAB AND ISRAELI DELEGATIONS HAVE VOICED CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INCIDENTS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE DEBATE AND HAVE REQUESTED ENHANCED PROTECTION. AFTER CAREFUL HIGH-LEVEL CONSIDERATION, USG HAS SET IN TRAIN EXTENSIVE ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES AS OUTLINED BELOW.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, A NUMBER OF STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO AVOID INsofar AS THIS IS POSSIBLE INCIDENTS OR ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ANY OF THE PARTIES TAKING PART IN OR HAVING A DIRECT INTEREST IN THE DEBATE.

(A) THE NEW YORK POLICE FORCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE PRINCIPAL SECURITY RESOURCE. IT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CROWD CONTROL AND FOR MANNING OUTSIDE FIXED POSTS (AND ROVING PATROLS) FOR THE PROTECTION OF ARAB AND ISRAELI RESIDENCES, MISSION OFFICES, CONSULATES OR CONSULATES GENERAL, INFORMATION OFFICES, AND APPROPRIATE BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. SECURITY OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE IN THIS REGARD.

(B) THE EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICE WILL SUPPLEMENT THIS PROTECTION WITH INSIDE FIXED POSTS FOR OFFICES INSIDE LARGE OFFICE BUILDINGS. THEIR PRINCIPAL MISSION WILL BE PROVISION OF SECURITY FOR INSTALLATIONS AND OFFICES.

(C) THE SECRET SERVICE WILL PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR HIGHEST RANKING INDIVIDUALS. THIS EFFORT, PARTICULARLY AS IT INVOLVES PERSONAL PROTECTION FOR LOWER RANKING PLO DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED AS APPROPRIATE BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE SECURITY OFFICERS. END FYI.

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3. IF HOST GOVERNMENTS EXPRESS CONCERN OVER SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, POSTS MAY ASSURE THAT ALL POSSIBLE PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND MAY, WITHOUT GOING INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL, DRAW ON PARAGRAPH TWO TO THE EXTENT OF IDENTIFYING THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE US SECURITY APPARATUS WHICH

WILL BE INVOLVED AND THE KINDS OF SECURITY WHICH WILL BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHICH ORGANIZATIONS WILL UNDERTAKE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS. IF DETAILED QUESTIONS ARE RAISED OR IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUESTED, HOST GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE URGED TO HAVE THEIR NEW YORK MISSIONS QUERY USUN.

4. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT IF THEY ARISE, POST SHOULD, IF APPROPRIATE OCCASION OFFERED, NOTE LARGE NUMBER OF PALESTINIAN INFORMATION AND PRESS REPRESENTATIVES (27 AT THIS POINT) AND THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF ASSURING THE SECURITY OF SUCH NUMBER. FYI: WE HAVE CALLED THIS PROBLEM TO PLO'S ATTENTION, DIRECTLY, THROUGH ARAB MISSIONS, AND THROUGH UN SECRETARIAT, URGING THAT SIZE OF DELEGATION BE REDUCED. ISRAELIS AND ARABS, INCLUDING PLO, HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF BASIC SECURITY PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN WITH AIM OF MAXIMUM COOPERATION FOR PROTECTION OF ALL PARTICIPATING GROUPS. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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